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REFERENDA AND PRIMARY ELECTION MATERIALS (ICPSR 0006)

COLLECTION CHANGES: Data for 1990 have been added to this collection, and SAS data definition statements (Parts 51-100) are now available for Parts 1-50.

NOTE: Most of the information in this collection is available ONLY in typed and photocopied form. The exception is data from 1968 to 1990. ICPSR has converted all statewide referenda returns from 1968-1990 into machine-readable form. Included in this portion of the collection are the county vote breakdowns for approximately 4,241 referenda voted upon in primary and general elections throughout the United States. A typed hardcopy codebook accompanies each state file. The primary election data are NOT available in machine-readable form. It is possible to supply, on a cost basis, limited portions of the referenda and primary election returns in the form of photocopies.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 50 data files + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ MDATA.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

Parts 1-50: Referenda Elections
for States

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 3 to 254 per part

Variables: 13 to 1,251 per part

Record Length: 85 to 7,919

per part

Records Per Case: 1

Parts 51-100: SAS Data
Definition Statements
Record Length: 80

State Kentucky

REFERENDA

Var. #

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Description

ICPSR State Code 51

County or State Name

Identification Number

Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ICPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1970 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 3, 1970

Yes = 131,138; No = 166,266

Proposed Amendment.

Are you in favor of the Act of the General Assembly known as Senate Bill, No. 359, enacted at the regular session of 1970 wherein it is proposed that the Commonwealth issue and sell its General Obligation Bonds in addition to all bonds heretofore authorized by the voters in the principal sum of Forty-eight million three hundred thousand dollars (\$48,300,000), the proceeds of which will be set aside for state agencies and public purposes, for the acquisition of lands, the construction and reconstruction of buildings and structures, installation of service facilities, and the purchase and installation of equipment, facilities, and furnishings of a permanent nature for buildings and structures for the state agencies or for other public purposes as follows: School for the Deaf, School for the Blind, Department of Education for vocational schools, Department of Corrections, Department of Child Welfare, Department of Mental Health, Farm Development Loan Guarantee Fund?

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

Referenda

State Kentucky

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1971 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 2, 1971Yes=252,333; No=79,044Constitutional Amendment:

"Shall subsection 170 of the Constitution be amended to include as property exempt from taxation, a homestead, which is a single-unit residential property maintained by the owner who is sixty-five years of age or older, as his personal residence, up to the assessed valuation of sixty-five hundred dollars on said residence and contiguous real property, except that such property shall not be exempt from assessment for special benefits?"

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State Kentucky

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1973 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 6, 1973Yes=159,005; No=186,157Constitutional Amendment #1:

Shall Sections 91, 93, 95, 183, 99 and 209 of the
Constitution be amended so as to: (1) Abolish the
elective office of Superintendent of Public Instruc-
tion and provide for the election of a State Board
of Education, consisting of seven members whose
terms of office shall be four years and whose duties
and qualifications shall be prescribed --cont'd--

8

Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

1973 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 6, 1973Yes=130,692; No=207,672Constitutional Amendment #2:

Shall Sections 32, 36 and 42 of the Constitution
be amended so as to: (1) Provide that no person
shall be a Representative or Senator who has not re-
sided in the district from which he may be chosen
for two years next preceding his election; (2)
Provide that the General Assembly shall convene each
year on the first Tuesday after the --cont'd--

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

1973 REFERENDA for the State of Kentucky (cont'd):

General Election, November 6, 1973

Constitutional Amendment #1 (cont'd):

by law. One member shall be elected, on a nonpartisan ballot from each of seven districts established by law. The terms of the members shall be staggered as provided by law. Beginning the first Monday in January, 1976 the State Board shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction to act as executive officer and serve at the pleasure of the Board, at such salary and allowances as may be fixed by the Board. The Board may remove the Superintendent for causes prescribes by law; (2) Permit sheriffs to succeed themselves or act as deputies for succeeding terms; (3) Abolish the elective offices of Railroad Commissioner and provide that the General Assembly shall provide, by general law, for the necessary regulation and supervision of railroads operating within the Commonwealth, and, on the expiration of the terms of the Commissioners elected in November, 1971, for the exercise of any authority granted in this Constitution to "The Railroad Commission."

Constitutional Amendment #2 (cont'd):

first Monday in January, except in the year following a gubernatorial election, it shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March; (3) Provide that no session of the General Assembly shall continue beyond forty-five legislative days, which need not be consecutive; nor shall a session extend longer than four months after convening, provided, however, upon approval of the two-thirds of the members of the House and of the Senate, a session of the General Assembly may be extended for a total period of not longer than six months after convening; (4) Provide that Committees of the General Assembly may meet on any day which is not a Sunday or a legal holiday from the time a session is convened.

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Kentucky
State _____

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1975 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment # 1

General Election, November 4, 1975

Yes = 215,419; No = 180,124

Proposed Amendment.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Are you in favor of amending the Constitution of the Commonwealth (by repealing the present sections 109 through 139, 141 and 143, and enacting in lieu thereof sections 109 through 124) to revise the Judicial Branch of Government by establishing one Court of Justice, composed of a Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, a trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, and a trial court of limited jurisdiction known as the district court, but retain the nonjudicial powers and duties conferred upon the county judge and justices of the peace; providing for the location, composition, administration and jurisdiction of such courts; providing for the eligibility, term of office, election, removal, filling of vacancies, prohibited activities, compensation, and retirement of judges of such courts; providing for the election, selection and removal of the clerks of such courts; and providing a schedule of transition for those judges in office on the effective date of the amendment?

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

1975 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment # 2

General Election, November 4, 1975

Yes = 235,596; No = 150,163

Proposed Amendment.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Shall Section 176 of the Constitution be amended to include as property exempt from taxation, real property maintained as the permanent residence of the owner, who is sixty-five years of age or older, up to the assessed valuation of sixty-five hundred dollars on said residence and contiguous real property, except for assessment for special benefits. The real property may be held by legal or equitable title, by entirety, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall apply only to the value of the real property assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which his interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property?

14

Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

State Kentucky

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1977 ReferendaGeneral ElectionNovember 8, 1977Yes = 165,311; No = 254,934

Public Question: Are you in favor of calling a
convention for the purpose of revising or amending
the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
and such amendments as might have been made to same?

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (Percent)

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Vote No (Percent)

Referenda

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Votes Yes (Percent)

Votes No (Percent)

State Kentucky

REFERENDA

Var. 0Description1979 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, November 6, 1979Yes = 187,933; No = 137,017

CA 1: Shall Section 256 of the Constitution be amended to provide that not more than four (4) amendments shall be voted upon at any one time, to be submitted in such a manner that the electors shall vote "for" or "against" each amendment separately, but an amendment may relate to a single subject or to related subject matters and may amend or modify as many articles and as many sections of

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Vote Yes (Percent)

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Vote No (Percent)

1979 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, November 6, 1979Yes = 183,056; No = 124,318

CA 2: Shall Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution be repealed and re-enacted and Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution be amended so as to: (1) Provide that members of the House of Representatives and Senators shall be elected at the general election in even-numbered years for terms of two years and four years respectively, said terms to begin upon the first day of January of the year

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

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Total Votes

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Votes Yes (Percent)

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Votes No (Percent)

CA 1: the Constitution as may be necessary and appropriate in order to accomplish the objectives of the amendment.

CA 2: succeeding their election; (2) Provide that at the general election to be held in November, 1984, and every two years thereafter, there shall be elected for four years one Senator in each Senatorial District in which the term of his predecessor in office will expire and for two years one Representative in each Representative District; (3) Provide that the General Assembly shall meet on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January in odd-numbered years for a period not to exceed ten legislative days for the purpose of electing legislative leaders, adopting rules of procedure and the organization of committees, and then it shall adjourn until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the following even-numbered years at which time it shall convene in regular session; (4) Provide that members of the legislature shall severally receive from the State Treasury compensation for their services but no change shall take effect during the session in which it is made; (5) Provide that no session of the General Assembly shall continue beyond sixty legislative days exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays or any day on which neither House meets, except that no regular session shall extend beyond April 15 of even-numbered years; and (6) Provide a schedule of transition for convening the General Assembly and the election and terms of Representatives and Senators to implement the proposed amendment.

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1981 Ballot ProposalsYes = 213,988 No = 381,362

Shall Sections 71, 82, 93 and 99 of the Constitution be amended to provide; (1) that the governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, auditor of public accounts, secretary of state, commissioner of agriculture, labor and statistics, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, and register of the land office shall be eligible to election for two (2) successive terms and shall be ineligible to re-election for the succeeding four (4) years after the expiration of the second term of which they shall have been elected; (2) that the sheriff shall be eligible to election for successive terms.

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot Proposals

Shall Section 170 of the Constitution be amended and Section 172B be added to the Constitution notwithstanding contrary provisions of Sections 170, 171, 172, or 174 of the Constitution, to provide; (1) that real property maintained as the permanent residence of the owner who is classified as totally disabled under a program authorized or administered by any agency of the United States government or by the railroad retirement system, be exempt from taxation up to the assessed valuation of sixty-five hundred dollars on said residence and contiguous real property, except for assessment for special benefits; provided the property owner received disability payments pursuant to such disability classification for the entirety of the particular taxation period, and has filed with the appropriate local assessor by December 31 of the taxation period, on forms provided therefor, a signed statement indicating continuing

Yes = 254,065 No = 247,939

disability as provided herein made under penalty of perjury; (2) that the General Assembly may provide by general law that county, municipal and urban-county governing bodies may declare property assessment or reassessment moratoriums for qualifying units of real property to encourage the repair, rehabilitation, or restoration of existing improvements thereon; however, prior to the enactment of any moratorium program, the General Assembly shall provide or direct the local governing authority to provide property qualification standards for participation in the program and a duration limitation on the moratorium not to extend beyond five years for any particular unit of real property and improvements thereon.

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State KENTUCKY

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description

1984 Ballot Proposals
 Const. Amendment
 General Election: November 6, 1984
 Yes = 512,741 No = 303,987

Shall Section 99 of the Constitu-
 tion be amended so as to permit
 sheriffs to be reelected or act as
 deputies for succeeding terms?

41 Vote Yes (For)
 42 Vote No (Against)
 43 Total Votes
 44 Vote Yes (percent)
 45 Vote No (percent)

State KENTUCKY

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description

1986 Ballot Proposals
 Constitutional Amendment 1
 General Election: November 4, 1986
 Yes = 228,909 No = 306,905

SEE FOLLOWING FOR TEXT

46 Vote Yes (For)
 47 Vote No (Against)
 48 Total Votes
 49 Vote Yes (percent)
 50 Vote No (percent)

TEXT: November 4, 1986

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Shall sections 91, 93, 95 and 183 of the Constitution be amended so as to: (1) abolish the elective office of superintendent of public instruction; (2) provide for a state board of education appointed by the governor with senate approval, consisting of thirteen members serving six year terms, who are eligible to serve no more than two consecutive terms, the original appointees serving staggered terms beginning July 1, 1987, three appointees for six year terms, two for five year terms, two for four year terms, two for three year terms, two for two year terms, and two for one year terms, at the designation of the governor, with qualifications and duties prescribed by statute; (3) provide that one appointment be made from each of the seven supreme court districts and six appointments from at large; (4) provide that the state board of education appoint by contract a superintendent of public instruction for a maximum term of five years who may serve consecutively contractual periods subject to removal for cause as prescribed by law, with duties and qualifications fixed by the board or statute, and with salary and allowance fixed by the board; (5) provide that the state board of education taking office July 1, 1987 appoint an acting superintendent of public instruction to take office the first Monday in January, 1988; and (6) provide a schedule of transition for the superintendent of public instruction and members of the state board of education in office at the time this amendment is ratified?

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

1986 Ballot Proposals
Constitutional Amendment 2
General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 297,883 No = 219,201

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
#2**

Shall Section 160 of the Constitu-
tion be amended to allow mayors of
cities of the first and second classes
to serve two successive terms
beyond their original terms?

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

 Ballot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State KENTUCKY

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
56	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, General
57	Vote No (Against)	
58	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
59	Vote Yes (percent)	
60	Vote No (percent)	YES = 694,577 NO = 446,937

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
#1

Shall Section 226 of the Constitution be amended to provide that the General Assembly may establish a Kentucky state lottery; may establish a state lottery to be conducted in cooperation with other states; and that any lottery so established shall be operated by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky?

YES ← ◀
NO ← ◀

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
61	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, General
62	Vote No (Against)	
63	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
64	Vote Yes (percent)	
65	Vote No (percent)	YES = 882,960 NO = 187,119

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
#2

Shall Section 19 of the Constitution be amended to provide that in any instrument heretofore or hereafter executed purporting to sever the surface and mineral estates or to grant a mineral estate or a right to extract minerals, which fails to state in specific terms the method of coal extraction to be employed, or where said instrument contains language subordinating the surface estate to the mineral estate, it shall be held, in the absence of clear evidence to the contrary, that the intention of the par-

ties to the instrument was that the coal be extracted only by the methods of commercial coal extraction commonly known to be in use in the area affected at the time the instrument was executed, and that the mineral estate be dominant to the surface estate for the purposes of coal extraction by only the methods of commercial coal extraction commonly known to be in use in the area affected at the time the instrument was executed?

YES ← ◀
NO ← ◀

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State: KY

Variable #Description:

V66	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment		
V67	Vote No (Against)			
V68	Total Votes	<u>Primary</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Other</u>
V69	Vote Yes (percent)	Date: 11/6/90		
V70	Vote No (percent)	YES = 296,060	NO = 415,721	

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Do you favor allowing the General Assembly to call itself into special legislative session upon petition by two-thirds of the membership of the General Assembly?

YES NO

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State: KY

Variable #Description:

V71	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment		
V72	Vote No (Against)			
V73	Total Votes	<u>Primary</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Other</u>
V74	Vote Yes (percent)	Date: 11/6/90		
V75	Vote No (percent)	YES = 213,821	NO = 472,725	

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Do you favor the General Assembly having the authority to establish a process which allows it, or an agency or a committee it designates, to review, approve, or reject any administrative regulation of an officer or agency of the executive department during or between regular sessions of the General Assembly?

YES NO

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State: KY

Variable #Description:

V76	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment			
V77	Vote No (Against)				
V78	Total Votes	<u>Primary</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Other</u>
V79	Vote Yes (percent)	Date: 11/6/90			
V80	Vote No (percent)	YES = 230,723		NO = 445,853	

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Do you favor removing from the Kentucky Constitution various detailed limitations related to the organization, financing and operation of local governments and giving the General Assembly more authority to: classify and regulate cities; grant cities "home rule" powers; set limits on local government tax rates and debt capacity; regulate city elections and the terms in office of city council and commission members; and regulate local government taxing powers; including the power to grant limited tax exemptions to businesses and industries?

YES NO

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State: KY

Variable #Description:

V81	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment			
V82	Vote No (Against)				
V83	Total Votes	<u>Primary</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Other</u>
V84	Vote Yes (percent)	Date: 11/6/90			
V85	Vote No (percent)	YES = 584,522		NO = 235,806	

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #4

Are you in favor of providing a tax exemption for the real property owned and occupied by, and personal property, both tangible and intangible, owned by, institutions of religion?

YES NO
